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Former International Brotherhood of Teamsters Project Organizer Pleads Guilty to Stealing \$13,738 From the Organization

WASHINGTON - Joe Ann Duffy, a former project organizer of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters (IBT) in Atlanta, pled guilty today to stealing \$13,738 from the organization, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. and Mark Wheeler, District Director of the Washington District Office of the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Labor-Management Standards, announced today.

Duffy, 50, of Atlanta, entered her guilty plea to one count of embezzlement and theft of labor union assets before the Honorable Thomas F. Hogan of U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. She is scheduled to be sentenced on December 13, 2010, and faces a statutory maximum sentence of five years of imprisonment. Under federal guidelines, Duffy faces a sentencing range of up to six months in prison.

According to a factual proffer agreed to by the defendant, between July 1, 2006 and September 7, 2006, while employed as a project organizer for the IBT, Duffy used her IBT issued credit card for her personal benefit and embezzled \$13,738 by making unauthorized cash advances on the credit card.

In announcing today's guilty plea, U.S. Attorney Machen and District Director Wheeler praised the hard work and persistence of criminal investigators Frank Gore and Jessica Weeks of the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Labor-Management Standards. They also cited the work of Legal Assistant Jamasee Lucas and Assistant U.S. Attorney Vasu Muthyala, who is prosecuting this matter.

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